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To Mr George Powney
Collector of the
Southern Peshcush.

Sir,

I beg leave to call to your recollection my
No 1. Letter of the 26th February last, as you have not assigned any reason for employing regular Sepoys, and your Estimate of the Charges for Revenue Battalion from 1st May 1796 to 30th April 1797 is 6,000 Pagodas —

I am
Sir
your most Obedient Servant
(signed) Jno Mitford
Act. R.B.

To G. Powney Esqr.
Collector

Sir,

On the 8th Instant I had the
No 2 pleasure to Dispatch the Ketch Obey thro' the Paumum pass with 252 Bales of the Hble Companys Cloth — and I do not Beleive she had any other Merchandize on Board —

I have the honor to be
Sir

your most Obed.t Serv.t
(signed) Geo Hutt. Martin
Com.r Tinnevelly

Tinnevelly
11 July 1796

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of
Polygar Peishcush

Sir,

I am directed by the Right
No. 3 Honble the President in Council to send for your information the enclosed copy of a letter from Luckya Naig & to desire that you will submit to his Lordship's consideration your sentiments upon the situation of this Polygar and the future arrangement of his Pollam.

I am
Sir
your most Obed.t Servant
(signed) J. Webbe

Fort St. George
2d July 1796

Rt. Sherson

To Geo: Powney Esqr.

Collector

No. 8 Sir,

I have had the pleasure to receive in safety from the Bearers Treasure Corresponding with your Invoice of 2d. July

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

(Signed) Geo: Jul: Martin

Com Resdt.

Coilpatnam

8 July 1796

To,

George Powney Esqr.

Collector of Poligar Peshcash &cc.

Sir,

No. 11 Mr. William Doring, the Contractor for the Army Clothing for the year 1795, has written to me desiring I would send him an order for the payment of the amount of the Clothing for the Serjeants, commissioned, and non Commissioned native officers of the Corps under my Command, that agre

able to the orders of Government, he will receive
from the Board of Revenue the amount
of the Clothing for the Private men, and
that I am to draw full Pay for other Ranks
in my Monthly Abstracts: accordingly
I have sent him an order for the amount
of his demand on me, and now do my self
the pleasure to send you a Bill Contain-
-ing the abstract of Stopages for the Cloth-
-ing of the above mentioned Ranks from
the 1st of January 1795 to the end of
June Last, and now that I am acquainted
with this regulation, I will in future
draw the full Pay for the Whole; except
the Private,

I have the Honour to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt.
(Signed) M Martinz

Ramnad
20th July 1796.

George Powney Esqr.
Collector

Sir,

My Commercial Expences next Mon[th]
No. 14 will require the amount of Twenty five thou[sand]
and Star Pagodas (25000 Star Pags) and I will be
obliged if you will inform me, whether or not,
I may depend upon that sum from your Trea-
sury Early in Next Month — The portion neces[sary]
to be paid at Ramnad, I will notify to you befor[e]
the End of this Month —

I shall not require any supply fo[r]
my Pay Office as I have a balance on hand suf-
ficient for those disbursements in August next —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servt
(Signed) Geo: Jul: Marten
Coml Resd & Paymr.

[T]innevelly
20th July 1796.

To George Powney Esqr. Collector of the Pollagar
Peshcush &c &c &c

Sir,

The Neeketanchwel Pollagar,
No. 17 was Rented, a Village, named Parrow of the
Sanaranacoil district, and he not paid th[e]

the money agreeable to his forms; and besides that he has received the whole crops of the above said Village; without the Circar orders and went away; I therefore request you will will be pleased to order the above said Polla=gar to pay his Rent money to the Circar

I am Sir,

Your most Obedient
humble servant

Tinnevelly
21 July 1796

(Signed) Coopeangar

a true copy)

By Order of Mahomud Ettabar Cawn
Bahauder

Revenue Department

No. 18 To Mr George Powney
Collector
of
Polygar Peishcush

Sir,

I am directed by the Right
No. 18. Honble the President in Council to send you the enclosed copy of a Petition from Vencatanersimmiah & another from Catchy kutty Chocca Linga Naik, and to desire that

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you will report whether the complaints they contain have any foundation in fact.

I am

Sir

Your most Obed.t Servant

(signed) J. Webbe, Secretary

Fort St. George
16th July 1796.

R Sherson
Ex.r

To Mr George Powney
Collector Peishcush to the Southward

Sir

I have the pleasure to for-

No 20 ward you Clothing for Lascars for the year 1795 under your Charge Vizt.

Tindal Coat	1
Lascars	12
Total Coats	13

Packed up in a Parcel for which I request you will be so good as to send me a receipt by the returning Lascar. I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Sert.

Fort St George
24 June 1796

(signed) T. Wallace
Dept. Secy. Mil. Board

To George Powney Esqr. Collector to the Peshcush of the Pollagar &c &c &c.

Sir

Herewith I inclosed a List of the No. 22 Polagars disturbance in the Circar Country I therefore request you will be pleased to order the Pollagers, to not interfere with the Circar Villages & Inhabitants, and likewise you will be so good as to order them to pay the Circar, whatever the Mamool Revenues they used to pay, and to Repay, Whatever they forcibly received & Plundered from the Circar Villages, Mahazanam [illegible] & Inhabitants —

I am Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant

Tinnavelly
26 July 1796

Signed Coopiangar
By order of the Mahomed Ettabar Cawn
Bahaudar.

Revenue Department

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector of the
Poligar Peshcush.

Sir,

No 23 By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your Register of Bills for the Month of April and May properly authenticated which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted in the course of those Months with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them.

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Se[rvant]

Fort St. George
17th July 1796.
Exd. S.S.

(Signed) S.R. Lushington
Actg Secry

To Mr. G. Powney
Collector at
Ramnad.

No 24

circular

Sir

I beg leave to remind you of the 17 article of the Regulations

I am

Sir.

Your Obedient Servt.

Fort St. George
25 July 1796
Exd. Wane.

(Signed) Jno. Milford
Acct. R. Board

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To George Powney Esqr.
Collector.

Sir,

No. 25 I have had the pleasure to receive your Letter of the 13th. Instant Covering the declarations and proceedings of the Enquiry into the Complaint of the Killcura Weavers — and I thank you very much not only for the trouble you have taken in this Evidently Impartial Investigation, but for the Opinions you so freely and kindly in my idea, give upon the subject — It is your opinion that the Goods being appraised by a Broker not of the Weaver's choise & their not having a representative present at the Examination of their Goods is not altogether fair — If this were the Case Certainly it is not: you think also the Checks against Collusion between the Gomastahs and Brokers Insufficient.

I will therefore fully state what my directions are and what Steps & Checks have been formed for the Valuation of the Cloths and Conduct of the Company's Native Servants in Ramnad: and Consult you in what manner they may be remedied Consistently of Course with the Improve

ment of the Investment and benefit of the Weav:

The Agreement I made with the Ramnad Weavers was for three Sorts, 1st at full price; 2d at a deduction of ½ a Pagoda Corge, and the 3d. Sort a deduction of 1 Pagª a Corge. But finding the quantity of ~~[illegible]~~ turned out Cloth Encreased in spite of these Checks – I gave a fresh order that when the Turned out goods Exceeded 20 in a Hundered Pieces – the overplus of the allowed 20, should be valued at the rate of an Inferior Call. But this Appraisement is not by the Broker but the Cloths are divided into, first, Second, third and lower Call; at fixed proportionate deduction by the Ramnad Gomastah and Sorter – Neither is it left there – but their different assortme[nts] are marked and resorted by the Company's Sorters at this Warehouse – Checked again by a resorting from Mr. Casamajor – and the faults Hitherto found with the Ramnad Sorting by the Board & myself, have been the acceptation of Cloths as the 1st that should have been in the 2d or 3d Allotment.

There are four Company's Brokers of Kilcurra – Chinna Mutoo Ambulagarran

Shaick adahr Pelly. Mutoo Ebiey & Ullah Putchen – One of these being the most responsi=ble is Cash Keeper that is the Bag is in His House, with all their 4 Chops – and must be opened in presence of the 4, the advances Selected for their respective Disbursement, and again resealed with their 4 Chops – any of them may be present at their respective Sorting – and two of them Accompanied the discontented Weavers in their Complaints – yet None of them were appointed with their previous Choice –

Suppose therefore the whole No of Hilcurra Weavers Select any man they please (as is practised by Aberahmee Mudura Comery &c &c) and allow him what pay they think proper, which I will deduct & pay from the Company's Allowance to the Brokers, this Man Shall attend at Kamnad or Here Solely on the part of the Weavers (the Brokers not to attend any sorting but to Confine themselves to looking after the Company's advances, and Weavers Work) and if it appears to the Weavers Conicopoly that my Sorters are unjust – let them both mark the Cloths in question and I will have them Justly appro=priated to the 1st 2d 3d or inferior Call before

me at the Warehouse. He is regularly to report
the accounts to them & to the Brokers - or if the
Kilcurra Weavers wish it, (as they once Intimated)
let them Entirely follow the Example of the Comery
Aberahmee & Madura Weavers, & have their
own Man fixed here to attend the sorting of
their own Cloth, at this Warehouse, and without
any reference whatever to the Gomastah at
Ramnad - whose Sorting saves me no Trouble,
but was ordered Solely for the Convenience
of the Weavers - for not a piece of Cloth goes
to Madras without being sorted and Chaped
Here.

But as Our Views are Exactly the
same, to Secure the Companys Advances, Improve
the Investment and Holding, that in View, to
give Every Indulgence to the Weaver - let me
request of you Now I have informed you of the
plan I have Hitherto pursued and now propose
to Effect this, that you will allow me the Benefit
of your Opinion how it may be Improved.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed^t. humble Ser^t.

Tinnevelly
27th. July 1796. (Signed) Geo. Ful. Martin
Com^t. Resd^t.

To George Powney Esqr.

Collector of the Peshcush of the Southern Polygars

at

Ramnad.

Sir,

No. 27. Requiring 4,500 Star Pagodas more than the Treasury of the Dindigal Collection can furnish for my Disbursements of the ensuing Month, I shall esteem it a favor to be informed as early as possible, whether you can furnish me with a part, or the whole of that Sum.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Ser.

Madura
30th July 1796.

(Signed) Robt. Hughes

Paymaster.

No. To Mr. George Powney

Collector at Ramnad &c.

Sir,

I am directed by the right

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Honorable the President in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 11th Instant and to acquaint you that you have his Lordships' permission to appropriate so much of the balance of Cash on hand as may be acquired for the purchase of Grain from the Polygars for a store at Palamcotah, and draw Bills on the Commissary General of Grain and Provisions for the amount in favor of the Board of Revenue.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) W C Jackson
Secy.

Fort St. George
31st July 1796
Cd George Parry
Ho Asst.

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of Polygar Peshcush

Sir,

I am directed by the Right
36 Honorable the President in Council to acknow

-ledge the receipt of your letters dated 15th & 17th Instant and to inform you that his Lordship approves your suggestions for the future disposal of Luckia Naig, and has accordingly sent orders to the Commanding Officer at Tritchinopoly to send him under a guard to Vellore instead of the Presidency.—

You will therefore take the proper measures for instating his Son in the pollam, upon his giving security to pay a regular allowance for the Support of his father.

I am also directed to acquaint you that the President in Council approves your intention to discharge those demands of the Ramnad Creditors, which amount to less than one hundred pagodas, from the proceeds of the Sale of the Late Polygar's Jonies.—

I send for your information Copy of a letter from the Polygar.

Fort St. George
30th July 1796.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) J. Webbe

R. Sherson
Esqr.

George Powney Esqr.
Collector

Sir,

On the 30th of July I dispatched on a Doney One Hundred & Fifty Nine Bales of Cloth consigned to the Board of trade — Besides which the Doney carried private trade to Compleat her Cargo, & for which of Course the usual Custom will be paid at Paumben —

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) Geo: Jul. Marten
Comd. Resdt.

Tinnevelly 6th August
1796.

No. 38 S. R. Lushington Esqr.
Actg. Secretary to the Revl. Board
Fort St. George

Sir,

I request you will lay before the Board the accompanying Return of the Company composing the Garrison of Shevelpatore and a Return of the Troops composing the Garrison of Ramnad & its dependancies - Also of the Two Sebbendy Companies Employed in the Ramnad Province in aid of the Collections.

I have the honor to be
Sir -
Your most Obedt. Sert.
(Signed) G. Powney -

Ramnad
8th. Augt. 1796.

Revenue Department

No. To Mr. George Powney -
Collector of Ramnad and Polygar
Peshcush

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th. ultimo respecting the Village which Villa Tavan

has agreed to make over to the deposed Ameen of Chokumpatty. — This subject has been submitted to Government and the Board desire that you will lay before them draft of such sunneds as appear to you proper to be executed by the parties.

I am also directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Ultimo and to inform you that the Board permit you to pay to Colonel Martinz the Sum of 524 24 being the amount of Stoppages for Clothing to the Serjeants Commissioned and Non Commissioned Native Officers under his Command from the 1st January 1795 to the 30th June 1796 and in future he will draw the full pay for the whole. The expence on this account is to be carried to the head of Charges Collection of the Ramnad District.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt
(Signed) S R Lushington
Acty Secy

Fort St George
1st August 1796.
Exd. S.S.

To George Powney Esq.
Collector of the Peshcush of the
Southern Polygar
Ramnad.

Sir,

I do myself the pleasure
No. 40 of transmitting you Extract from the
late Orders of Government on the New
Formation of the Army containing
a New Table of Pay & Allowances to Com-
missioned European Officers as settled
by the Honble Court of Directors for a
Month of Thirty Days & having com-
mencement from the 1st June last.
You will no doubt perceive from the
Above Table that Sepoy Allowance is
abolished which therefore falls to be
refunded from the 1st of June by all
who have received it: and that as the
rates of Batta have been augmented
a Difference falls to be paid to those,
who have been in the Receipt of it from
you since the same date.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. H'ble Servt.
(Signed) Robt. Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
7th Augt. 1796.

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector
Ramnad

No 42 Sir,

Enclosed I have the pleasure to transmit a first & second Bill in favor of the Revenue Board for twelve thousand Star Pagodas, being the amount received two days ago under Escort from your Treasury

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.
Tinnevelly 11th Augst. 1796. (Signed) Geo Ant Marten
Coml. Resdt.

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of Ramnad and
Poligar
Peshcush

N43 Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th Ultimo with its Enclosures respecting the disputes of the

right and left hand Casts at Ramnad and to transmit for your information and guidance Extracts from the Boards letter to Government with their reply.

I am

Sir

Fort St. George

4th August 1796

Your Most Obedient Servt.

(Signed) S. R. Lushington

Actg Secy

Ex.d S.L. –

To Mr. George Powney

Collector of the

Southern Peshcush.

N 48
Circular

Sir,

I beg leave to remind you of that part of the Regulations which concern the annual Accounts at the close of each Fusely.

I am

Sir,

Fort St. George

9th August 1796

Ex.d F. S. Ware –

Your most Obedt. Servt.

(Signed) Jno. Mitford.

Acc. B. R. d.

13 Revenue Departm[ent]

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of Polygar Peishcush South
of the Coleroon

Sir,

I am directed to call your atten-
1050. tion to the 17th Article of the regulations for
accounts, which requires you previous to
the close of each Fusly year to submit to the
Board the Establishment of public Servants
required for the ensuing years revenue
and to the 20th Article directing that
a List of Pensioners should accompany it.

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servt.
(signed) S. R. Lushington
Actg Secy

Fort St. George
6th Augst. 1796.
Exd. L.L.—

To Mr. G. Powney
Collector
at Ramnad

Sir,

The Board of Revenue having called upon me for your last Month's Accounts of Ramnad Collections &c. and finding you have not sent any since Feby direct me to inform you in case you do not immediately dispatch all the Accounts that are now due and observe the same regularity in future as laid down in the Regulations for the Conduct of Revenue Accounts, that they will be under the necessity of reporting your conduct to Government.

N. 51

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.
(signed) John Mitford
Acct. BR

Fort St. George
10th. August 1796
Exd. T.S. Ware.

Revenue Department.

To Mr. G. Powney
Collector of Ramnad and
Polygar Peshcush.

Sir,

You will be pleased to report
as soon as it may be in your power
52 what mode of mangement you propose
should be adopted for the Ramnad Reve-
nue in the next two Years, the Board
hope that you will now find no difficulty
in accomplishing a beneficial Village
Settlement for that Period. The Board
also trust that the information you have
now acquired of those Countries will enable
you to furnish a Complete annual report
for the expired fusley and they direct me
to call your attention to their remarks
upon your Letter of the 16th July 1795
transmitted to you in the Secretary's
Letter of the 18th August last

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St George (Signed) S. R. Lushington

10th Augst 1796 Actg Secy

Exd Geo Stratton.

Revenue Department

To Mr George Powney

Collector of Ramnad & Poligar Peshcush.

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to

No 55 you the accompanying Copy of a Petition delivered to the Board by an inhabitant of Negupatam, complaining of acts of Injustice exercised towards him by Mootoo Irla Pilly, Minister of the Late Rajah of Ramnad - The poverty of the man and the circumstances he has stated if true entitle him to speedy redress and the Board direct that you take an early opportunity of investigating and reporting upon the truth of

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his representation. —

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St George (signed) S R Lushington

9th August 1796. Actg Secy

Ead. S.L. —

Revenue Department

To Mr George Powney

Collector of assigned Peishcush

and Ramnad

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge

N.56. the receipt of your letter of the 5th Instant with the accompanying statements of Demand collection and Balance of Polygars Peishcush for the last fuzzily and to the 31st Ultto. The Board wish you also to transmit similar monthly statements of the revenue of the Ramnad District under your seperate charge without delay

I am Sir,

Fort St George
12 August 1796.
Exd SL. —

Your most Obedt Servant
(signed) S R Lushington
Actg Secy —

To George Powney Esqr
&c. &c. &c.

Sir,

Early in next month I shall want the sum of twenty five thousand Star Pagodas for the provisions of the Investment and I will thank you to inform me whether I may depend upon receiving the amount from your treasury. For the Pay Office disbursements I shall not require any supply, having a sufficient Balance in Hand —

No 58 —

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt
(signed) Geo Sul Marten
C Pay Mr

Tinnevelly
17 Augst 1796 —

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Dear Powney

No 61 I enclose a Statement shewing what the Peshcush would be if we added the difference between what the Poligars pay for Troops, and what the proposed Establishment would Cost - (A) shews that in one case the Peshcush would exceed the Nett revenue of the Poligars as the red Ink figures denote - but perhaps the Expence of Troops stated by you included the Land as well as money payments - Consequently the Value of the Land should be added to the value of the Pollam as herein stated before deducting the additional Peshcush from the Nett revenue - you will see great inequalities in the assessment if taken as you proposed - Will you therefore give the Enclosed your Consideration and offer such remarks as you see necessary to explain the Matter - Your encrease in all (B) is less than that taking the difference of Troops (C) only 18822 Chuckrums - but on

Individuals it falls very differently, and in making the proposal & laying it before Government it will be necessary to be able to shew clearly how the difference arises or rather the causes thereof for taking the rule of three and applying it to the next Gross receipts of the Polligars Compared with the Proposed Peshcush it will be found altogether unequal which is not right – They shod all be proportionably assessed if any change be made at least, as nearly so as possible unless for particular Local reasons it be necessary to give one more than another – –

1st Augst 1796.

Yours truly
(Signed) Thos Cocburn.

Dear Cocburn,

I duly received your letter of the 1st Instant – The statement I herewith enclose will more clearly explain to you the causes which operated to recommend

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the additional assessment as well as the causes of disproportion in the assessment I [them] have a volume of writing - I have been some time in obtaining it, and I hope it will afford very satisfactory explanations on the Subject -

I have been desired to meet Lord Hobart at Trichinopoly by the 27th previous to which I shall send off my report of Ramnad with Statements &c &c.

Pray inform me whether I ought to begin upon this years settlement with the Polygars or wait to settle with them untill the change taken place this is about the time I used to settle with all the Polygars # excepting Tinnevelly -

Yours truly
(Signed) Geo. Powney

To George Powney Esqr.

Collector of the Southern Polygar

Peshcush at Ramnad

Sir,

N 64 I beg to be informed as early as you can possibly make it convenient whether it will be in your power to furnish me with any part or the whole of 4000 Star Pagodas during the course of the ensuing Month for the Disbursements which I have to make on Account of it

I have the honor to be

Sir

Madura 25th Augst. 1796.

Your most Obedt. humble Servant

(signed) Robt. Hughes.

by Paymr.

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney

Collector at Ramnad and of Polygar

Peshcush.

Sir,

N 63 I am directed to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter of the 6th Instant with its Enclosures and to transmit to you Copy of an advertisement which will be published in the public prints, from which you will learn the day appointed for the public sale of the Chank and Chaya now on hand —

For the reasons you have Stated it is probable that the latter will not be disposed of, and the Board have recommended that measures should be taken for its eventual transportation to Bengal which they understood to be the best mart for the disposal of it — you will make public the necessary advertisement in your Districts.

The Board approve of your endeavours to substantiate the misconduct of your Naib Peshcar that an example may be made of him and others concerned in the embezzlements you allude to —

They expect your further report on the subject and approve of the appointment of Rama Kistna Pillah.

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedt.

humble Servant

Fort St George
15th Augst 1796

(signed) S R Lushington
Actg Secy

Exd SL

Revenue Department

To Mr George Powney
Collector of the Polygar Peishcush
South of the Coleroon.

Sir,

N 68 The Board desire that you will immediately make known by public advertisement that all duties whatever upon the importation and transit of Cotton and Cotton thread are abolished throughout your Districts.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt

Fort St George
22nd Augst 1796

(signed) S R Lushington
Actg Secy

Exd SL

Revenue Department

To George Powney Esqr
Collector of
Polygars Peishcush

Circular

Sir,

N.70 You will be pleased to transmit with as little delay as possible after the 31st Instant, a Statement of Cash in hand that day together with an estimate of your probable receipts and Disbursements for the month of September, October, November and December following —

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Serv.t
(signed) S R Lushington
Act.g Secy
Public Department.

Fort S.t George
26th August 1796.

Ex.d S.S.

To M.r George Powney
Collector at Ramnad

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Hon.ble the President in Council to desire that you will consign to the Paymaster at Columbo the sum of ten thousand P. N. Pag.s by the way of Manar drawing a bill upon the treasury for

N.74 the amount including charges in favor of the Board of Revenue. Should you be unable to supply this sum from the amount in your own treasury, you will call for assistance upon the commercial resident as it is necessary that this money should be immediately dispatched to Columbo —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Serv.t
(signed) J. Webbe

Fort S.t George
27th Aug.t 1796

Exam.d
George G Weble.

Manapar Septr 6th 1796.

Sir,

I was duly favoured with your letter of the 15th Ulto requesting me to present the Sunnud of instatement to Comara Luchea Naique Son of the deposed Pollygar Luchea Naick of Camerwaddy previously exacting from him security for the Monthly payment of sixty star pagodas for the subsistance of his father.

N 77

Having been absent from this station on the public service since the receipt of your letter - It was not till yesterday that I was enabled to comply with your wishes, when having previously arranged the Monthly payment of Luchea Naick's subsistence - I deputed a Native Officer to proceed to Camerwaddy and deliver the Sunnud to Comara Luchea Naick, who professed his gratitude to the Honble Company and promised to conduct himself as a peaceable and faithful subject. I likewise

by your desire, instructed the Native
Officer to procure the Pollygar's signature
to a Monchelka, which is drawn up in
the usual form and which I have the
honor to enclose.

It is necessary to Observe that
as the Pollygar represented the impos-
sibility of procuring Soucar security
of his fathers Subsistance and represented to a promising [illegible]
for the payment of remitting it month-
-ly by a bill on some Soucar at Arcot
or Vellore, and to deliver it unto the
at that place. Having thereby I
hands of your Akbar Noveez will
in order to save time forward it to
General Collings commanding at
Vellore.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Servant
(signed) W. Oliphant
Capt. Comm.g
at Manapar

To
Geo. Powney Esq.
Collector.

To George Powney Esq.r
Collector.
Ramnad.

Sir,

I have this Morning had the

No. 83

honor to receive your Letter of 2nd Septem-
ber, Informing me you will be deficient
in the sum of (3000) P.N.Pgs three thousand P.N.
Pags to make up the amount of (10,000) P.N.Pgs
Ten thousand, which you are directed
thro' Mr. Secretary Webbe to send to Colum-
-bo, & Agreeable to your Instructions, calling
upon me immediately to Dispatch this
3000 P.N. Pagodas to Ramnad -

I lost no time in sending
an order to the Head Gomastah at Ram-
-nad, Duplicate of which I enclose
thinking this a more speedy Method
of Obeying the orders of Government than
purchasing & Dispatching Porto N.
Pagodas from Hence

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Geo. Jub. Marten
Collectr.
Revenue Department

Tinnevelly
8th Sept. 1796

To Mr. G Powney
Collector of Ramnad &
Polygars Peshcush South of the
Coleroon

Sir

I am directed by the Board to transmit to you the enclosed Copy of a Bill amounting to P. 619 : 36, paid to the Contractor of Army Clothing for Sepoy Jackets delivered to Colr. Manuel Martinez for

No. 78 the amount of which you will be pleased to transmit a bill in favor of the Presidency of the Board upon some person at the Presidency, and carry it to the Debit of the Ramnad Revenue under the head of Sebbendy Battalion —

I am

Fort St. George Sir,

29th August 1796. Your most Obedt. Servant

(Signed) S R Lushington

EDL Actg. Secy.

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney

Collector of Poligars Peshcush

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to

No. 79 you the accompanying Copy of amended instructions for the Culture of Cochineal to which your particular attention is

required, I send also for the same purpose Extract of a Letter from Doctor Anderson pointing out the rapid progress made by the insect in destroying the Plant, unless certain Measures therein Suggested be taken to prevent it. –

The Board desire that you will immediately report to them the state of the Plantation under you –

I am

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servt

Fort St. George
29th Augt. 1796
Ed. S.J.

(signed) S R Lushington

Secretary.

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney

Collector of Ramnad & Polygar Peshcush South of the Coleroon.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge

No. 81. the receipt of your Letter of the 23rd Ultimo and it is satisfactory to the Board that the Polygar of Salapatoo seems at length

sensible of his Duty to the Company. —

They direct that you immediately grant Cowle to him as you are of opinion that he will find the means of fulfilling his engagements, & the Board rely upon your discretion for making some arrangement for the future management of his Pollam. —

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
Servant —
(signed) S R Lushington
Acty Secy

Fort St. George
2nd September
1796.

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector at Ramnad.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 16th Ulto and to inform you that the Right Honble the President in Council approves the measures taken by you for instating Comara Luckea Naig in the Pollam of Comarawady.

No. 82

I am further directed to acquaint you that his Lordship in Council is perfectly satisfyed with the explanation, which you have given of the deposed polygar, and is pleased to direct that the appartments applied for by the Nanchearoo be appropriated to her use.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secy

Fort St. George
3rd September
1796.

R Sherson
Esq.

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of
Assigned Peshcush.

Sir

No. 88. I herewith inclose you an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit Dated 27th August 1796.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.

Fort St. George
8th Septr. 1796.
Compd. T S Ware
Asst.

(Signed) Jno. Mitford
Acct. B. Rt.

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of
Poligar Peshcush

Sir,

When the Board advert to the repeated orders transmitted respecting the progress of Revenue assistants in
No. 89 the acquirement of the Country language they are concerned at the little attention that has been shewn in furnishing the reports required - tho' the orders transmitted to Collectors under date the 14th & 26th Septr. 1794 sufficiently explain of how much importance this subject is considered by the Honble Court of Direct[ors] and Government

As it is the intention that those assistants who have neglected this acquirement should be made to #

to refund the monthly allowance you will on the receipt of this letter offer your opinion upon the progress of your assistants and be careful not to omit in future the regular transmission of the report required by the Secretary's Letter of the 27th July 1795.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient
& Servant
(signed) S R Lushington pp

Fort St George
8th Septr 1796

Exd. L L

To Mr George Powney
Collector of
Assigned Peshcush

Sir,

No 91

In looking into your Treasury Account for May 1796, I observe under the Head of Dutch Settlements a revenue received of Pags. 2222.7.70 & a Disbursement principally Arrears of Pags. 3023.7.32, Neither of these sums appearing in your Estimate of Probable Receipts & Disbursements for 1796/97. I am apprehensive a material mistake must

have been committed in the general esti:
: mate sent to Government. and the sooner
it is rectified the better, I therefore request
your explanations on this point and
in case any more Revenue is expected
from the Dutch within the year 1796/7
you will furnish me with a particular
account thereof, the Current charges for
Dutch Civilians was added in my office
to the Estimate of Charges expected by
the Collector of Assigned Peshcush,

I observe you conform
to the instruction in my letter of the 15th Feby
1796 so far as carrying the Expence of Batta
&c.a &c.a for escorting Treasure against
the Department for which it was sent,
this is not sufficient for unless the Ex-
pence is included as a Remittance &a
Bill or Bills sent for the whole amount
the Books in my Office will not agree
with the Books of those Departments for
whose use you advance the Money, I request
you will be kind enough to make out
an account with each Department
since the order passed and obtain Bills
for the amount, keeping the charges
incurred in 1795/6 distinct from those

since.

I am

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
8 Sept.r 1796.
Comp.d T S Ware
Ex.d

(signed) Jn.o Mitford
Acc.t 13 Ro.

To Mr. George Powney
Collector at Ramnad &c.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right
N.o 98 Hon.ble the President in Council to
transmit to you copy of a letter to Maj.r
General Stuart from the Commissary
of Grain and Provisions at Columbo,
and to desire you will pay the most
ready attention to any requisition
that may be made to you by Mr. Atkins
for the articles of Salt, Ghee, Curry stuff
&c.a required for the use of the native
Troops serving at Columbo and Point
de Galle for the next six Months.

I am
Sir
Your most obed.t Serv.t
(signed) W. C Jackson Sec.y

Fort St. George
9th Sept.r 1796.

A Brooke

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of Poligar
Peshcush

Sir,

I am directed to transmit to you the Enclosed Extracts of two letters from the Accountant respecting the Sum of Pag.s 67662.32 said to have been paid to you in Government bonds in the Month of January Last on Account of the Rajah of Ramnad's Creditors.

No. 101

The Board desire to be informed in what Manner you have brought this sum to Account.

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Se[rvant]
(Signed) S. Lushington Sec[y]

Fort St. George
11th Sept. 1796.
Exd. SL

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of Poligar
Peshcush

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
102. the Receipt of your letter of the 13th Instant
and to inform you that the drafts of Sun-
-nuds therein enclosed are approved, you
will therefore Certify the Execution of them
by the parties under the sanction of Gover-
-ment and affix the Company's seal to
them —

The Board fully Concur
with you in opinion of the improper
Conduct of the late Manager of Chakum
-petty in refusing to deliver over the
the accounts of the Pollam or to declare
where the sumbridees &c.a have retired
and Concealed them — they desire that
you will keep him in Strict Confine
ment till he has afforded every Necessa-
-ry explanation respecting his late
Management, and they trust that
by soon being sensible of the folly
of persevering in his Obstinacy, he
will obviate the Necessity of a more
rigorous treatment

The Board have received
from Government Copy of your

Correspondence respecting the deposing of Puchia Naigue, and instating his son in the Camracwady Pollam — The allowance of 60 Pags. Monthly to be made by the son to the Father, must be paid regularly into your treasury and the Board will recommend to Government that the amount be advanced by the Paymaster at Vellore to Puchia Naigue

I am

Fort St. George
9th Sepr. 1796
Ex.d Sl.

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) S Lushington

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector of the Peishcush of the Southern Pollygars at Ramnad.

Sir,

The Collector of Dindigul being unable to supply me in the Sum of
No 105
4,350 Pagodas for my Disbursements of the ensuing Month, I request to be informed as early as convenient, whether you can supply me with the whole or any part of that sum; & have also to beg

the favor, if it may be in your power to advance me any, to dispatch it so as to arrive here very early in the Month.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your very obedient humble Servant.

Robt. Hughes.
Paymaster

Madura
18 September
1796.

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of
Assigned Peshcush

Sir,

No. 107 I find you add up your Monthly Moyen Zubitah at the rate of 36 f.s ꝑ Pagoda, the Regulations point out that Account is to be made up at 45 f.s ꝑ Pagoda which I request you will do in the Accounts you may hereafter send to me,

I am

Sir

Your Obedient Servt.

Jno. Milford
Acct. B.R.

Fort St. George
14th Sept. 1796.
Compd. J S Ware
Exr.

Revenue Department

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector of Poligar Peshcush
south of the Coleroon

Sir

Circular
No 108

I am directed to transmit to you the accompanying advertisements in the Telinga Language respecting the planting & cultivation of the Opuntia to be generally distributed amongst the natives in your Districts.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servant
S Lushington
Secy.

Fort St. George
11th Septr. 1796.
Exd. SL

Revenue Department

No 110 To Mr. George Powney
Collector of Poligar
Peshcush

Sir.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th Ulto

with its Enclosures, and provided any part of the Money found after the deposition of Shatoopetty be still in your hands unappropriated, The Board desire that you will discharge the Claim of Ramalinguim upon the deposed Poligar, amounting to 900 Chuck^s. by remitting a Bill for the amount to this Treasury.

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Ser.

S Lushington

Secretary

Fort St George

15th. Sepr. 1796.

Ex^d. S.L.

J. B Hurdis Esqr.

Head Assistant

Ramnad

Sir,

No. 111 The chest mentioned in yours, was last night delivered by the Naique of the Guard to a similar guard of the 1st. Batt^n. 1st. Reg^t. N.I. and which set forward this morning to Columbo

I have the honor to be

Sir Y^r. Obedient Servt.

J Hawkins 1st. Act. Adj^t.

1st. B^n. 73^d. Reg^t. N.B.

Manar —

17th. Sepr. 1796.

George Powney Esqr
Collector of Southern
Peishcush

Sir,

The Poligar of Dedanapotty
15 Poojairry Naigue owes nearly two years Peishcu
he has been frequently applied to for paymen
and as frequently threatened & admonished
but without effect.

Vera Chinnama Naick
Poligar of Yettamoody under your Jurisdic-
-tion gave security for Peishcush of 1204
Fusly the settlement was for (3100) three
thousand one hundred C. Chuckrums of whic
Chs (1240) twelve hundred forty were Received
the Balance Chs (1860) eighteen hundred & sixty
must be collected from his security as
it cannot be got from the Poligar himself.

I beg the favor of you to ma
enquiry into the circumstances of the secu
and if on investigation it should appe
that the balance should be paid by the

yettamoody Poligar – that you will pursue such measures as may appear most proper for realizing it to the Sirkar

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servt.
J B Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
24th September 1796

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector in the Poligar
Peishcush South of the
Colerone

Sir,

The Board desire you will transmit to them on the 5th of every Month a report of Cash in your treasury at the Close of that proceeding with an Estimate of receipts, and disbursements in the Current Month: a Duplicate of that sent to Government will be Sufficient

No. 116

I am
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.
S. Lushington Secy.

Fort St. George
20th Sepr. 1796

Ex.d W. Wright

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George Powney Esq.

Sir,

By desire of Mr. Atkinson I now forward to you sundry small stores as p. List enclosed which I am to request you will send to Columbo by the first oppor-tunity

No. 117

I am
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant
J.H. Skardon
act.g Com.y Gen.l y P.P.

Madras
18th September
1796

To George Powney Esq.
Collector to the Poligar Peshcush

Sir,

I inform you the Disturbance of Shavogary Palagars Desay Cavel Moniag[e] Named Formuly Cottunda Pillay in the Villa[ge] 22 Named Curroova Nullore belonging to Sanar ninar Coil District.

The Curroova Nullore Muhazenus indebted to the Circar some Money & for which they Pass their Bond to Captain Fintleyers Choultry and they not paid

the money according to the terms and putoff the Payment, The Choultry man named Nanaperacapsum Pillyand troopers went to Currova Vullore and press them hard to Pay the Money, and they Refused to Pay — the Money therefore the Choultry man and trooper brought the Mahazanums to Suncernimar Coil, and the above said Termalay Collundapillay and ten Peons of Shavagary Palliagars forcely carried away the Mahazanums, So circar Servant Moderr buck Soobadar and the Choultry man troopers and Sepoys went to the said Termuly collundapillay & asked him to Leave of the Mahazanum and he refused to leave of them & flogg the Choultry man, Troopers and the Circar servants with the Sticks, and forced them away.

Therefore I Request you will be so kind enough to take this few lines Under your Curious Consideration and give Strict orders to the Palliagars and donot make such disturbance any more That will be great assistance to the Circar

I Remain with Respect

Sir your most obedient &
humble Servant
Tinnevelly
25 Septr. 1796. (Signed) Coopinengar
a true copy

Revenue Department

No 125

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of Poligar Peshcush
at Ramnad

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters, of the 17th Instant.

As you reported that there is still no demand for Chaya root at Ramnad the Board desire that you will immediately take measures for transporting the whole stock on hand to the presidency, if you be of opinion that it can be done without risk before the setting in of the monsoon.

They wait your report

upon the second attempt, you have expressed your intention to make for disposing of the Chank, previous to furnishing you with any instructions on this subject.

The Board approve of your advertising for proposals, to rent the Chank Fishery at Tutacoryn.

The Board desire that you will report to them, so soon as possible the arrangements which have been made for the Salpatoor Pollam in consequence of my letter of the 2nd Instant.

I am

Sir,

Your most Obed^t. Servt.

(Signed) S Lushington

Secty

Fort St George
26 Sepr 1796.
Ex^d W Wright.

To Mr George Powney
Collector of
Southern Peshcush.

Circular

Sir

No 126

I desire you will furnish me as early as possible with your Jumahbundy and Kistbundy for Fusly 1206 and should it not be in your power to transmit this account at an early period, I have to request you will assign your reasons that I may submit them to the Board.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obed.t Ser.t
Jn.o Mitford
Acct B.R.d

Fort St George
26th Sep.r 1796.
Comp.d S Ware

George Powney Esq.r
Collector at Ramnad &c

No 131

Sir,

I have just received a Letter from the Commissary General at Madras informing me that you and Mr Torin have been directed by Government to comply with such requisitions as I may

find necessary to make to you, to enable me to complete the Garrisons of Columbo and Point De Galle with a Stock of Curry Stuff &c.a for six months

As I find that I can procure but a very small Quantity of the several articles required upon this Island, I request you will collect and forward as expeditiously as possible the several Articles, tobacco excepted, as mentioned in your letter of the 16th which are to be procured at Ramnad.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) G. Atkinson
Com.y of Grain &c.

Columbo 28th Sep.r
1796.

To Mr George Powney
Collector of
Assigned Peshcush

Sir,

C132

I have to acknowledge your Letter of the 18th Instant. The Dua

Accounts may be easily inserted in the assigned Pesheush Treasury Account after every item appertaining to that Collection is entered and must come under the Head of Dutch Settlements.

You must Credit Cash in part of outstanding Balances due to the Dutch Factories as pr. Account received from the Chief of Tutacoryn.

I am
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
(signed) Ant. Mitford.
Acct. B.Rd.

Fort St. George.
29th. Sepr. 1796
Compd. J. J. Ware
Ex.

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of the
Southern Pesheu[sh]

133 No. Sir,

I herewith enclose you an Extract from the Proceedings of a Board of Audit dated 17th Sepr. 1796.

I am
Sir
Your Obedt. Servant
Ant. Mitford

Fort St. George
29 Sept. 1796
Compd. J. J. Ware

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector

Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that on the 26th. of last Month

No. 135 I dispatched for Madras through the Paumum pass three hundred & eighty Bales of Callicoes & twenty two of Betelas upon a Dony which was fully laden by these Goods of the Companys —

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Tinnivelly
3d. Octr. 1796.

Your most Obedt. Servt.
George S. Marten
C & R.

Columbo
28 Septr. 1796

S. R. Lushington Esqr.
Secy.

Sir

I have the honor to acknow-

No. 139 ledge the receipt of Mr. Hurdis's letter of the 11th Current covering invoice of treasure dispatched to my address and which was received here last

night — No rate of Exchange being men-
tioned preventsmy enclosing a bill on
the Paymaster General for the amou[nt]
and of which I beg you will inform
me as there is a considerable diffe-
rence betwixt the rate they are cur-
rent with you and at which Porto
Novo Pagodas are issued here.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obed^t Servt
John McDouall
Paym^r

To
George Powney Esqr.
Collector Polygar
Peishcush Ramnad.

George Powney Esqr.
Collector of the Southern Peish[cush]
Ramnad.

Sir,

At the time of assuming the
141 Edaior or Genzadoo Pollam the poligar
Bulla Condam Naigue and his perdaun
Vincata Soobiah made their escape
It is necessary to the safety of the

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector

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I have the honor to be
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3d. Octr. 1796.

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servt.
George L. Marten
CkR.

Columbo
28 Septr. 1796

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Collector of the Southern Peishc...
Ramnad.

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Bulla Condam Naigue and his Perdawn
Vincata Soobiah made their escape
It is necessary to the safety of the

Country – that their [illegible] ns should be secured – I have intelligence of their being in the village of Barapoor – in the Chinna Murdoos country – –

I beg the favor of you take such steps for their apprehension as you may deem proper, and if taken to send them under a guard to my Cucharee

Dindegul
3rd Oct. 1796.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servt.
Signed J B Hurdis
in charge of Dindegul Revenues

Columbo 15th Octr 1796

Sir

No 148 Inclosed I have the pleasure to hand you my receipt for Porto Nova Pagodas 10000 –

I have the honor to be
Sir, your most obedt Servt.
John McDonall

To G. Downey Esqr
&c. &c. –

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector in the Poligar Peshcush
South of the Coleroon

Sir,

By desire of the Board
No 150 you will herewith receive Copy of
your register of Bills for the Months
of June and July and August pro-
perly authenticated, which is to serve
as an acknowledgement of the Bills
transmitted in the Course of those
Months, with such remarks annexed
as appear necessary for your in-
formation respecting them

Fort St. George
11th Octr. 1796.
Ex W Wright,

I am
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
Signed S Lushington
Secty.

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Dindigul
3rd Oct. 1796.

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your very obedient Servt.
Signed J. B. Hurdis
in charge of Dindigul
Revenues

Columbo 15th Oct. 1796

Sir

No. 148

Inclosed I have the pleasure to hand you my receipt for Porto Novo Pagodas 10000 –

I have the honor to be
Sir, Your most obedt. Servt.
John McDonall

To G. Powney Esqr.
&c. &c.

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Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector in the Poligar Peshcush
South of the Coleroon

Sir,

No 150 By desire of the Board you will herewith receive Copy of your register of Bills for the Months of June and July and August properly authenticated, which is to serve as an acknowledgement of the Bills transmitted in the Course of those Months, with such remarks annexed as appear necessary for your information respecting them

I am
Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
(signed) S Lushington
Secy.

Fort St. George
11th Octr. 1796.
Ex W Wright,

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector

Sir,

No. 152 Accompanying I have the honor to send an Extract from Mr. Shardon's Letters and will thank you to Enable me to answer it by informing me of the quantity of Paddy you propose depositing in the Palamcottah Stores

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt.
Geo Sul Marten
Comy of G & Po

Tinnevelly
18 Octr. 1796.

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of
Poligar Peshcash

Sir

No. 154 I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant with its Enclosure

For the reasons stated by you, the Board approve of your having disposed of the Chank collected since the commencement of the Fishery; the Chaya root which cannot be disposed of at a reasonable price, you will take the earliest opportunity of transporting to the presidency after the Monsoon.

The Board wait your further report respecting the Sata-pootoor Polygar and the mode of Management you observe you have in contemplation to propose after the arrival of his Manager.

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obed^t Servt
S Lushington Secy

Fort St George.
10th Octr 1796.
Ex^d S.L.

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector of the Southern Polygar & Peshcush
Ramnad.

No 155

Sir,

I have to request the favor

of being informed as early as convenient what sums you consider you may be able to afford me during the Course of the ensuing Month

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed.t Serv.t
Rob.t Hughes
Paymaster

Madura
19th October
1796.

Revenue Department

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of Ramnad and
Poligar Peshcush South of the
Coleroon

Sir,

No. 157

I am directed to transmit to you the inclosed Copy of a bill amounting to Pag.s 15.35 paid to the contractor of Army Clothing for Sepoy Jackets delivered to Capt. Dighton for the amount of which you will be pleased to transmit

a bill in favor of the President of the Board upon some persons at the Presidency, and carry it to the debit of the Kamnad revenue under the Head of Sebbendy Battalion,

I am

Sir

Your most obed^t. Servt.

(Signed) A. Lushington
Secy.

Fort S^t. George
13th. Octr. 1796.
Ex^d. W. Wright.

Sir,

Tuticoryn Oct 15

No. 159

I have the Honor to cover to you, the only Proposal for contracting for the Chank Fishery, for the present Season that has been addressed to me from this place. It comes from the head of the Purrawars who is reputed to be a Man of substance, is a good and usefull Man in his situation here and likely to conform with Exactitude to the Customs of the Fishery.

I am

Sir

Your most Obed^t.

humble Servant
(Signed) W. S. Davison
George Powney Esqr. Captain
&c. &c. Commanding
at Tuticoryn
Ramnad.

George Powney Esqr.
Collector
Ramnad

Sir,

I have the Honor of yours under Date
No. 161 the 3d Inst. enclosing the advertisements
for sealed Proposals for contracting for
the Chank Fishery at this Place, which,
conformably to your Desire I have
ordered to be affixed to the most con-
spicuous Places here, and in this Neigh-
bourhood, and such Proposals as, may
be sent in to me before the 15th Inst.
shall be duely forwarded to you.

I am Sir

Tuticoryn
6th Octr. 1796.

Your most Obedt. hble Servt.
(Signed) W. S. Davison
Captain Commg. Tuticoryn

George Powney Esqr.
Collector
at
Ramnad

Sir,

No. 166.

I request you will on the receipt of this forward to me the Invoice of the several articles of Provisions you have dispatched to the dutch settlements, as the accounts of my Office can not be adjusted without it—

I am
Sir
Your most obed.t Serv.t
(Signed) W. Shardon
Acty Comy Genl. of P.

Madras
Comy. Genl.s Office
25th October
1796.

George Powney Esqr.
Collector

Sir,

No. 170

Enclosed I have the honor to send a Translation of the deposition of

some Bullock people who when receiv-
ing Cloth to convey it here from
the Village of Veroodoocawetty in the
district of Sheevelepattoor had 6 pieces
stolen from them which they in-
form me were traced to the Pauncolay
Polygars Pollam and I request your
assistance towards recovering them

I have the honor to be
Tinnevelly Sir
27th Oct. 1796. Your most Obedt. Servt.
Geo. Aul. Marten
Coml. Resdt.

No. 172 The Bearer has delivered Porto Novo
Pagodas Six hundred and eighty for
the subsistence of the Ramnad Polygar
for Octr. and Novr. 1796 which has
been delivered to him and his
receipts will be transmitted to
Mr. Powney by Genl. Floyd Trichy.
25 Octr. 1796. By order of Major Genl.
Floyd J Gibbons
A. ad.

Sir,

I have received 7 Buffaloe

No 178 Bandies and five doolies for the use of

a Detachment of H. M. 52d Regt.

I am

Sir.

Autingarry Your most obdt. Servt.

1 Novr. 1796. W Savage

Lieut 52 Regt.

Public Departement

To Mr. George Powney

Collector of Ramnad &

of the Southern Poligars

Pieshcush

Sir,

I am directed by the Right

No 174. Honble the President in Council to desire

that you will cease to make any further

Advances, to the Commercial Residents

in your Neighbourhood and that

after providing for the necessary

Military and Revenue Disbursements

in your District, you will hold the Balance of Cash at the Disposal of Government, Should any opportunities of remitting to the Presidency, by safe bills occur, you will avail yourself of them, from Time to time, to remit any Balance that may be in your hands to the Treasury.

Fort St. George
22d. Octr. 1796.

I am,
Sir
Your most obedient Servt.
(Signed) J. Webbe Secy.

George Powney Esqr.
Collector of Southern Polygars
Peshcush.

Sir

No. 181

No Method for the Supply of Sheep for the Troops in Garrison at this Place having been settled, since it came into Possession of the Company, & having to contend with a very dis-

obliging spirit on the part of the Moniagar and native Inhabitants of the neighbouring Villages, I have to request you to order such a Number of sheep to be furnished monthly, as you may judge adequate to the Consumption of one Company, the nominal strength of the Garrison, exclusive of Lascars,

I am

Sir

Tuticoryn
1st Oct. 1796.

Your obed.t hble Serv.t

(Signed) W. Davison

Captain Com.g at Tuticoryn —

His Highness The Nabob Omdatul Omrah Wallaujah Bahauder of Arcot and the Carnatic

&c &c &c &c

To Mr. George Powney
Collector of the Southern Poligar Peashcush

My Friend

My Friend,

I have by repeated Letters from the Naib of the Madura District that Ama Naik Polygar depending upon Dendigul commits depredations upon the Talook of Shotindawn belonging to Madura and has carried off and put in confinement the Aumil and Mahaujins of that place — That one Seay Murtazau a servant of the said Poligar with a body of 600 Peons, carried off three of the principle Ryotts of the said Talook and after exacting a sum of Money from them under the denomination of a Fine, set them at liberty. In consequence of the oppression of this Poligar, the Ryotts of Madura, are much alarmed I therefore desire you will be pleased to issue strict orders to this turbulent Poligar to liberate the Aumil and other people belonging

to the Madura district whom he has in durance and to forbear offering in future any Injury to the Ryotts and the Villages Your attention to this business, in curbing the insolence of the aforesaid Poligar will be esteemed an act of great friendship.

What can I write more.

Chepauck House.
16 Octr. 1796.

Signed. [illegible]

To George Powney Esqr.

Sir

Be kind Enough to let me know when the Paddy now storing & received from you was Cut, as this Information is necessary to be inserted in the Monthly reports to the Commy of Grain & Provns at Madras - The Grain that has hitherto been received appears of the last Peshanum Crop and is good Paddy.

I have the honor to be

Tinny[?]
3[d] Nov[r] 1796.

Sir

Your most Obed[t] Ser[t]

(Signed) George Frel Martin

Ch[?] V[?]

To, George Powney Esq[r]

Collector

Ramnad

Sir,

N[o] 192

I have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 21st Instant and in reply have to inform you that the present price of Paddy is about 55 S. Pagodas a Garce, but as much Rice is soon expected both from Bengal and the Coast I do not conceive that you any Paddy you might send would find sale at the price stated in your letter - A large quantity of Rice is now at Manar for this place which will be forwarded so soon as the Northerly winds set in -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed^t. Servt.
R. Andrews
Res^t. & Super^t.

Columbo
30th. Octr. 1796.

To M^r. G. Powney
Collector of
Southern Pesheush

Sir,

[..]94 You will be pleased to raise a Head of Cochineal in your Accounts under which all purchases of that article must be brought.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt.
Jno. Mitford
Acct^t. G^l.

Fort S^t. George.
2nd Novr. 1796.
Comp^d. T. S. Wm
Ex^r.

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector

Sir,

[..]196 The disbursements from my

Pay Office on the 1st of next month, will require the sum of four thousand Star Pagodas - and should I receive orders to lay in the store of Provisions agreeable to the list lately received from the Commissary General at Madras - I shall require for this Department eight thousand Star Pagodas more - You will oblige me by letting me know without loss of time whether or not, I may depend upon receiving both these sums (if necessary) from your Treasury -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt. Servt.
(Signed) Geo Sul. Marten
Pay Mr. Ces.

Sinnevelly
6 Novr. 1796.

George Sul: Marten Es

Tritchinopoly Novr. 9th 1796.

George Powney Esqr.
Dear Sir

No 200

Being troubled with what is called Country sore eyes, I am obliged to the pen of my friend Major Cuppage upon this and many other occasions.

I have now to request the favor of you to take the measures you judge most fit, to procure justice to be done upon the Culprits about to be mentioned and to procure the money lost upon this occasion.

The following is the case in which I request the exercise of your influence -

About two or three Months ago, a Golah Peon carrying Seven hundred Star Pagodas from Tanjore to Madura on account of Col. Hughes was said to be Murdered in Tondimans Country - upon minute enquiry the following appears to be a true statement of the fact by the relation

of Tondiman.

At the side of a water Cours
near the Village of Parambour in Ton
dimans Country, the Village people
discovered a Corpse had been buried
which appeared to have been Mur
dered: they reported to Tondiman
who directed them to make every
enquiry to ascertain the fact.

After some days they learn
from Mahomet Husmaun a Pro
belonging to Chinna Murdoo, that
seven Collaries had offered some Joys
for sale in a Berar of Chinna Mur
Country, that the people taking the
Alarm at the sight of the Joys, en-
deavoured to make them Prisoners,
three however escaped, the four
others they sent to Chinna Murdoo
and related what they had heard.
upon Cross questioning them, they

owned that seven of them had followed or Came with this Peon from Tanjore and finding a convenient opportunity had Murdered and Robbed him and that Chinna Murdoo had kept the four Mens in Confinement at Shevagunga and had taken from both Joys and Money.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir,
very faithfully yours
Signed J: Floyd.

To Mr G. Rawney Esqr
Collector of
Southern Peshcush

Sir,

In future instead of sending a Duplicate of your Demand Collection & Balance with your Monthly Accounts that sent to the Board on the 5th of each

No 202

Month will be transferred to my office, and in order to lessen as much as possible the labour in the Department of Accounts I have obtained permission from the Board of Revenue to dispense with your sending the following accounts Monthly — Accounts Current with the Zemindars or Renters, Accounts Current of Aumanee Districts, Accounts Current of Deposites — Moyen Zabitah / but if any alteration be made therein in regard to the names of Principal servants — you need only send a Memorandum thereof, or mention them in your Letters accompanying the Monthly accounts shewing how it arises and the Account Particulars of Customs —

You will in future send these Accounts for each Quarter vizt. from 1st. May to 31st. July, from 1st. August to 31st. October, from 1st. November to 31st.

January and from 1st February to 30th
April. I am
Fort St George. Sir
7th November 96 Your Obedient Servant
Sd T. S. Ware. Signed Thd Mitford.
Ex. Ole K.B.—

To George Powney Esqr
Collector of Ramnad.

Sir,

The Malay Battalion under my Charge, having represented to me the impossibility of prosecuting their march from hence to Ramiseram without a little pecuniary assistance: and having investigated into the merits of their complaint, am fully satisfied that difficulties of that nature do exist, sufficient at least to retard the march. I have therefore to request you will have the goodness to advance the sum of two hundred and twenty five Star Pagodas, to be placed to the Debet of the Battalion for the mon

of November: pay for which month has not yet been issued to it.

I have also to solicit your further aid, with respect to Batta for October, for a Jumedar's Guard and Thirty six Tindals and Lascars, whose distress calls for relief no less urgently than that of the Malay Battalion –

I have the Honor to be
Sir,
Your very Obedient
humble Servant.
(Signed) P. Bose
Lt in Charge of Malay Corps

...hop Ramnadhoram
13th Novr 96.

George Powney Esqr
Collector of the Southern Peishcush
&c &c &c

No 206

Sir,

The Poligars Dodupnaigue & oodupnaigue have been committing depredations in Pericaollum and outaur pollam talooks inso much that the

day time— The particulars of their cruelty and plunder I shall transmit so soon as the Ryots have themselves stated them fully— in the mean time I beg the favor of you to warn them strongly against such acts in future—

Dindigul
11th Novr. 1796.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very obedient Servt.
(Signed) T. B. Hardis —
&c

George Powney Esqr. Collector &c &c —

Sir

As I find Mr. Skardon has made no provision for supplying the Malay Corps with the allowance made to it in the field, farther then Ramiseram, I have to request you will be so good as to send me a supply of cash amounting to Three Hundred, and thirty five star pagodas in order to enable me to

prosecute my march to Jaffnapatam as without this advance it will be imposi-ble for me to proceed — I send a receipt for it under cover, and will halt at Manar untill I receive the money — Mr. Sheardon of course will pay the amount of it to you.

I have the Honor to be
Sir

Rameseram
27th Novr. 96.

George Powney Esqr. Your most Obedt. Servant
(Signed) E. OReilly Capt. Lt.
Comg. the malay Corps.

To George Powney Esqr.
Collector &c &c.

Sir,

I have had the honor to

No. 216 receive your Letter of 15th Instant Covering an Abstract Account of Companys Bales which had passed Pombum Since the 31st. March 1795 to the 12th July 1796 — and Specifying the No. of Corges of Cloth Manufactured in the Ramnad District for the Company

within the above mentioned period - which you request of me to Examine, & if Correct, to Certify - you desire me also to give strict orders to the Peons to state the Exact quantity of Cloth that pass the Chokies, as hitherto mistakes have occurd from their inaccuracy —

Enclosed I have the pleasure to return your statement, which I have examined and enclosed with my Certificate in which I have mentioned two Bales more dispatched by me on the 16th April 1795 and omitted in your Abstract Acct

I shall immediately give orders to the Gomastahs in the Ramnad District - to send Cudjan Accounts Specifying the Number of Bales & Pieces which occasionally pass the Chokies, which can be delivered by the Peon to the Junkum Men and

will I hope prevent any mistakes in fu

Tinnevelly
19th Novr 1796

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servant
(Signed) George Sub: Marten
Comd Reidt

Dear Sir,

It makes me very happy to be able to inform you, that the bearer, Mootoo Curpah Pilly has shewn very great attention in forwarding every thing we wanted during our stay on the Island.

No 27

Dennecottah
18th Novr 96.

I am
Dear Sir,
yours very Obedy
E. OReilly.

Revenue Department

To Mr George Powney
Collector of the
Poligar Peshcush

C220

Sir

I am directed to transmit for your information and guidance, Extract of a Letter dated the 3d Instant from the Superintendant of Company's Nopalry, pointing out means of preventing the destruction of the Opuntia, by the Cochi-neal Insects.

You will in your next Report detail the measures you take for in-troducing the culture of the Plant among the Natives in the District under your management, considering the Nature of the orders of Government of September 1795 – the facility attending the whole progress of obtaining the Cochi-neal, and the obvious and almost im-mediate advantage to be derived from its culture, the Board entertain hopes you will not find much difficulty in generally establishing it; they desire you will give the subject your partic

attention by making opuntia Plan-
tations in the principal Villages and
by inducing the Inhabitants to plant
it on the sides of Roads, round back
yards &c.^a &c.^a

The Board are the more
desirous of receiving from you an
early and satisfactory Report upon
this subject, as they have been called
upon by Government to state the
progress of the Collector's Endeavours
to introduce this important Specula-
tion -

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Ser.
(Signed) S Lushington Secy

Fort S.t George
7 Nov.r 1796
Ex.d W Wright

George Powney Esq.r
Collector of the Sout.n Peishcush
&c &c

No. 226

Sir,

[illegible]

times bounds to the Pollams - but from the removal of such marks as distinguished the bounds - there has been a quarrel of many years between the people of Ginyadoo - and those belonging to Luckea Raigue

To prevent these continual complaints and to determine the bounds I propose six trusty & honest men on Luckea Raigues part and six men equal in honesty and truth on my part - shall meet consult and determine the bounds -

Your or I will sanction their determination and the Ground in dispute shall rest with the party to whom the award of the Punchy may be favorable.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.
P B Hardie

[..]ndigul
23rd Novr 1796.

George Powney Esqr
Collector of the
Southern Peshcush
&c &c &c

Sir,

No 230 Gollapa Naigue Poligar of Man-cottah. I have dispossessed, he and his Predaun are fled to Dodappa Naigue who is I understand his Father in law the force he carried out of this country I could dispense with — and therefore did not wish to detain them — but as I apprehend he will not be quiet I beg the favor of you to seize him and his perdaun — the bearers will Identify their persons.

The two criminals I think had better remain in your prison than mine — if you see no objection

I have the honor to be
Sir
your very obedient
(Signed) F B Hurdis

Dindigal
22d Novr 1796.